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SOURCE

Steel deliveries from the USSR to East Germany agreed upon by the Moscow delegation of DIA Metall in East Berlin for 1953 included: 795 tons of unalloyed structural steel; 850 tons of alloyed structural steel; 286 tons of unalloyed tool steel; 38.1 tons of alloyed tool steel; 450 tons of spring steel; 525 tons of rolled wire steel; 10 tons of drawn ball bearing steel; 528 tons of undrawn ball bearing steel; 201.9 tons of high speed steel; 50 tons of hollowed steel; 11.9 tons of high speed silver steel; 13 tons of stainless chromium-nickel steel; 20 tons of stainless molybdenum steel; and 31.8 tons of special steels. [redacted] the representative of the respective Soviet agency, stated that no further deliveries in excess of the quantities agreed upon could be expected.

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Comment. [redacted] earlier experience shows that, in spite of statements to the contrary, Promsyroimport, the Soviet foreign trade agency, used to meet additional demands based on additional agreements between East German and Soviet agencies in case of need.

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